

## EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL

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# PATENT

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In re Application of:

Toby R. Thomas et al.

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Serial No.: Unknown

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For: FILL-THROUGH-THE-TOP PACKAGE  
AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MAKING THE SAME

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be

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timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/PCOS:057.

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/373,312, filed August 12, 1999 and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) copies of the listed documents are not enclosed as they have been previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. 09/373,312.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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